

ADVANCEMENT & LEVEL PLACEMENT

Dancers not taking the required number of ballet technique classes may not advance with their classmates. Typically, dancers spend 1-4 years each in Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced levels of technique. For level placement, please schedule a trial class with katie@ruthpage.org. RPSD reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment.

Level	Required Ballet	Additional Classes	Total Hrs / Week
Beginner I	2 classes	1 + classes	2.5 – 6 hrs
Beginner II	2 classes	1 + classes	3 – 6 hrs
Beginner III	3 classes	1 + classes	4.5 – 8 hrs
Intermediate I	4 classes	2 + classes	6 - 10 hrs
Intermediate II	4 classes, 2 pointe	2 + classes	7 – 12 hrs
Intermediate III	5 classes, 3 pointe	3 + classes	8 - 14 hrs
Advanced	5 classes, 3 pointe	3 + classes	9 - 14 hrs

DRESS CODE

Ballet – Option 1:

Pre-Dance: Lilac

Beg I: Pink

Beg II: Light Blue (French)

Beg III: Dark Blue (Royal)

Int I: Purple

Int II: Burgundy

Int III: Forest Green

Adv: Black

Level-appropriate color leotard – cap or tank style preferred, no camisole straps

Skin tone or light pink footed dance tights - no seam

Ballet slippers to match tights

Skirts (black) in pointe classes only

White elastic waist alignment belt (optional)

Ballet – Option 2:

Black, white or level appropriate color t-shirt/leotard, black shorts or dance tights, dance belt (if applicable)

Black ballet slippers – leather or canvas, split sole

Character:

Ballet uniform

Black character skirt (i.e., WearMoi Fado style)

Black character heels no higher than 2.5" (no t-straps)

Hip Hop:

T-shirt, leggings or athletic pants, knee pads

Clean gym shoes, not street shoes

Jazz & Modern & Afro-Cuban & Tap:

Solid leotard or top, black leggings or shorts

Jazz shoes – black or tan

Modern & Afro-Cuban – socks or barefoot

Tap shoes – black leather or patent, tie or buckle

APPAREL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Wear Moi: leotards, tights, and ballet shoes—3352 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL—discount code **RP2022XAT**

Chicago Dance Supply: all types of shoes, leotards, tights – 5301 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL

Plié Dancewear: all types of shoes, leotards, tights – 5361 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL

Allegro Dance Boutique: all types of shoes, leotards, tights – 2114 Central St. Evanston, IL AND 104 S. Cook St Barrington, IL 60010

Discount Dance – www.discountdance.com – Ruth Page Center “Teacher Code”: **139161**

PERFORMANCES & AUDITIONS

Productions allow RPSD dancers to perform onstage; participation is not mandatory. However, once committing to a production, dancers are expected to limit class and rehearsal absences. Failure to attend rehearsal or frequent absences may result in dismissal from performance.

Ruth Page’s The Nutcracker

- *Ruth Page’s The Nutcracker* is by audition only on August 23 (13+) and August 24 (ages 7+) from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Dancers must be 7 years on September 1, 2025 to be considered for a role.
- Performances: Governors State University: December 6 & 7, 2025; Northeastern Illinois University: December 13 & 14, 2025, and College of Lake County: December 20 & 21, 2025.
- There are mandatory full cast rehearsals the week of and prior to Thanksgiving: Nov. 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 & 30, 2025.

RPSD Spring Show

- *RPSD Spring Show* Information Meeting will be held at Ruth Page on Thursday, January 15 2026 at 5:30pm.
- Performances are on Friday, June 12, 2026: 7pm and Saturday, June 13, 2026: 1pm & 5pm.
- Tech week and dress rehearsals will occur the week of June 7, following the last week of classes. **Tech week rehearsals are mandatory.**
- Rehearsals occur outside of class time for the ballet demonstration.
- Pre-Dance IV and all higher levels have the option to participate in the *Spring Show*.
- For dancers participating in the *Spring Show*, consistent attendance is expected in all classes April – June, for in-class rehearsals.

FEES

\$25.00 - Trial/Placement classes. Each dancer may take up to three trial classes prior to enrollment.

\$100.00 - Registration Fee. Annually per school year, per dancer. *\$75 Early Bird Discount through July 31, 2025.*

\$\$\$\$\$ - Production Fees:

\$350.00 *Ruth Page’s The Nutcracker*

\$225.00 *RPSD Spring Show*

\$75.00 *RPSD Spring Show* - PDIV only

\$50.00 - Drop Fee. Applied to early cancellation.

Please refer to the registration form for the class tuition fee schedule. Ruth Page School of Dance offers rolling admissions, where tuition may be pro-rated with late enrollment. Payment plans and tuition assistance are available—email questions to scholarships@ruthpage.org.

OBSERVATION WEEKS & OTHER DATES

RPSD Back to School Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2025: 5:30pm

Labor Day Break: Sunday, August 31 – Monday, September 1, 2025

Fall Break: Monday, November 24 – Sunday, November 30, 2025

Observation Week: Monday, December 8 – Sunday, December 14, 2025

Winter Break: Monday, December 22, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026

Bring a Friend January: All Month Long!

RPSD Spring Show Parent Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Ruth Page School of Dance will not observe a spring break for 2026.

Observation Week: Monday, May 11, 2026 – Sunday, May 17, 2026

Memorial Day Break: Sunday, May 24 – Monday, May 25, 2026

See the 25/26 Calendar for more dates!